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NEWS RELEASES

REPORT CI 98-1 - COMPLIANCE AND INFO ACTION - UNLICENSED RADIO OPERATION IN PUERTO RICO ENDANGERING AIR SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AT SAN JUAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SHUT DOWN BY FCC. Swift action by the Federal Communications Commission, in conjunction with the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, resulted in the closure of an unlicensed FM radio broadcast station in Puerto Rico that was causing severe interference to air traffic control frequencies at the San Juan International Airport. News Media Contact: David Fiske (202) 418-0500. CIB Contact: Pamera D. Hairston at (202) 418-1165. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Compliance/News_Releases/1998/nrci8001.txt

ANTOINETTE COOK BUSH NAMED TO HEAD FCC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 1999/2000 WRC. News Media Contact: Rosemary Kimball (202) 418-0500. IB Contact: Damon Ladson at (202) 418-0725. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News_Releases/1998/nrin8002.txt

FCC FILINGS. OPA. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/filings.html>

FCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS. OPA. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/calendar.html>

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: February 6, 1998. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG - FEBRUARY 5. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt020598.pdf

Report No: TEL-130-A. Released: February 6, 1998. STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING (FORMAL SECTION 63.18). Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public_Notices/1998/pnin8032.txt

Report No: TEL-130-B. Released: February 6, 1998. NON-STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 AND CABLE LANDING LICENSE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING (FORMAL SECTION 63.18 AND 1.767). Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public_Notices/1998/pnin8033.txt

Released: February 6, 1998. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILINGS IN PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE PROCEEDINGS. Contact: Barbara Lowe at (202) 418-0310. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/Exparte/1998/exb80206.html

Report No: LB-98-23. Released: February 6, 1998. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS SERVICE INFORMATION. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/pnw18011.txt

TEXTS

TCI CABLEVISION OF WEST OAKLAND COUNTY, INC. Granted complaints filed against the cable programming service tier rates charged by TCI Cablevision of West Oakland County, Inc., in the Village of Milford, Walled Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake, Commerce, Highland, Milford Township, Lyon, White Lake, and Country Estates, MI, June 1, 1997, and ordered TCI Cablevision of West Oakland County, Inc., to pay refunds to subscribers. Action by Deputy Bureau Chief. Adopted: February 4, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-216). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da980216.txt>

EASTON, PA. Granted application for assignment of the license of WEST(AM) Easton, Pennsylvania from Citadel License, Inc. to Maranatha Broadcasting Co., Inc.; granted request for waiver of the Commission's one-to-a-market rule to permit common ownership of WEST(AM) Easton, Pennsylvania and WFMZ-TV, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: February 5, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-228). MMB

NATIONWIDE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Denied Application for Review filed by Vincent L. Hoffart, Sr. requesting review of an October 29, 1996 letter ruling by the Chief, Audio Services Division, Mass Media Bureau affirming the renewal of license of station KISW(FM), Seattle, Washington; affirmed grant of the license renewal application of Nationwide Communications, Inc. for station KISW(FM). Action by the Commission. Adopted: January 23, 1998. by MO&O. (FCC No. 98-7). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1998/fcc98007.txt

GLOBAL CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Dismissed Petition for Reconsideration filed by National Communications Group, Capital Communications Group, Columbia Communications Group, Lonesome Dove Communications, All-American Communications Partners, and Shiner Bock Group on October 18, 1996 re: the M O & O in which the Commission denied their Application for Review challenging Global Cellular Communications, Inc.'s application for a five-channel, nationwide commercial 220 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio system. Action by Chief, Commercial Wireless Division. Adopted: February 6, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-229). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1998/da980229.txt>

ADDENDA: The following items, released February 5, 1998, did not appear in Digest No. 24:

NEWS RELEASES

**REPORT WT 98-2 - WIRELESS TELECOM ACTION - COMMISSION ADOPTS FORBEARANCE FROM PRO FORMA TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES FOR WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS. The Commission adopted a Memorandum Opinion and Order which grants forbearance from its pro forma transfer and assignment procedures for wireless telecommunications services. The action is the Commission's first exercise of forbearance authority under the 1996 Telecommunications Act with respect to wireless telecommunications services. Action by the Commission February 4, 1998, by Memorandum Opinion and Order (FCC 98-18). WTB Contact: News Media contact: Elizabeth Lyle at (202) 418-0654; Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Commercial Wireless Division contact: David Furth at (202) 418-0620 or Rhonda Lien at (202) 418-7240. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1998/nrw18003.txt

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: February 5, 1998. BELL ATLANTIC PETITIONS COMMISSION FOR WAIVER OF NONRECURRING CHARGES - PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED. Comments due February 18; replies February 25. (DA No. 98-218). Contact: Wanda M. Harris, Competitive Pricing Division at (202) 418-1530. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da980218.txt

Released: February 5, 1998. U S WEST PETITIONS FOR IMPOSITION OF END USER COMMON LINE CHARGES CC DOCKET NO. 97-149 - PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED. Comments due March 9; replies March 25. (DA No. 98-224). Contact: Wanda M. Harris, Competitive Pricing Division at (202) 418-1530.

Released: February 5, 1998. NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE NEGOTIATION AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR PAYPHONE PIC CONTRACTS - AAD 98-32. Comments due March 5; replies March 20. (DA No. 98-227). Contact: Kaylene Shannon, Accounting and Audits Division at (202) 418-0850. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da980227.txt

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TARIFFS IMPLEMENTING ACCESS CHARGE REFORM - GTE SYSTEM TELEPHONE COMPANIES REVISIONS TO TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 1, GTE TELEPHONE OPERATING COMPANIES REVISIONS TO TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 1. Suspended for one day from the effective date tariff revisions filed by GTE System Telephone Companies and GTE Telephone Operating Companies, both proposing changes to the multiline business and Integrated Service Digital Network primary rate interface and end user common line charges; instituted and consolidated in CC Docket No. 97-250 an investigation of the referenced tariff transmittals. Dkt No.: CC- 97-250. Action by Deputy Chief, Competitive Pricing Division. Adopted: February 5, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-226). CCB Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/da980226.txt

ASSIGNMENTS OF LICENSES OF 21 RADIO STATIONS OWNED BY HMI BROADCASTING CORP. TO VARIOUS SUBSIDIARIES OF SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC. Granted applications to assign the license of 21 radio stations in Missouri, Kansas, Washington, Oregon, Wisconsin, Virginia, and New York owned by HMI Broadcasting Corporation to various subsidiaries of Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.; approved permanent unconditional waivers of the one-to-a-market rule for Sinclair's proposed radio-television combinations in the Milwaukee and Norfolk markets; approved temporary, conditional waivers of that rule for Sinclair's proposed radio-television combinations in the Kansas City and St. Louis markets. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: February 5, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-223). MMB Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1998/da980223.txt

ADDENDA: The following items, released February 4, 1998, did not appear in Digest No. 23:

NEWS RELEASES

AMATEUR STATION SEQUENTIALLY ASSIGNED CALL SIGNS. WTB Contact: News Media Contact: Elizabeth Lyle at (202) 418-0654.

ADDENDA: The following items, released January 30, 1998, did not appear in Digest No. 20:

NEWS RELEASES

FCC RELEASES STUDY ON TELEPHONE TRENDS. CCB Contact: Industry Analysis Division at (202) 418-0940. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1998/nrcc8016.txt